

I. HISTORY

The Marion County Health Council was established in 1994 to address the health needs of Marion County residents and oversee the health status of Marion County. The council is made up of local health care professionals, elected officials, and other local citizens. Since 1994, the council has orchestrated various activities to address health needs including forums for TennCare issues, free health screenings, and other special projects for the population of Marion County. All of these efforts have been successful. Begun in August of 1997, the Community Diagnosis Process has offered the council a systematic approach to identifying health issues in a manner that is sensible, effective, and assures long-term improvement.

II. MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Marion County Health Council is to assure that quality health care is accessible, available, and affordable to fellow residents.

III. SELECTED DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Total Number of Households: 9,215

	Marion County	Southeast Region	State
Percent of households that are family households	77.8	77.1	72.7
Percent of households that are headed by a female with non husband present	11.2	10.3	12.6
Percent of households that are families headed by a female with no husband present and with children under 18 years	5.4	5.3	6.9
Percent of households with the householder 65 and up	22.5	22.7	21.8

EDUCATION

	Marion County	Southeast Region	State
Number of persons age 25 and older	15,993	163,220	3,139,066
Percent of persons 25 and up that are high school graduates or higher	51.9	58.0	67.1
Percent of persons 25 and up with a bachelor's degree or higher	6.4	9.7	16.0